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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of documents to be considered by the Examiner during examination of the above-identified application. Also enclosed is an Abstract and English translations of JP No. 5-289307, the sole non-English language document enclosed. Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR §1.97(b) are clearly satisfied.

In any event, the following Statement is made under 37 CFR § 1.97(e):

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To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the Abstract and English translations of JP No. 5-289307.

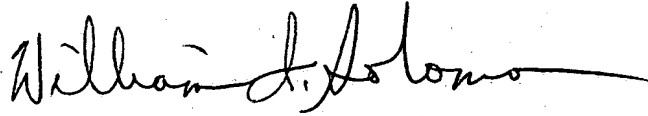
In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135

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